

# THE BRIDGEPORT TIMES

## Warrant May Be Issued In Aldermanic Bribery Case

### Sunk Last Night Off Penfield Reef

Entire Crew of Wrecked Submarine Believed To Be Safe—Submarine Was Making Nose Dive When Accident Occurred in 70 Feet of Water.

Homeward bound from a trial trip in Long Island Sound, the submarine S-48, recently completed by the Lake Torpedo Boat Company, foundered in 70 feet of water off Penfield Reef at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon after trouble had developed in her stern compartments. Members of the crew, 40 in number, who crawled through the ship's torpedo tube when the bow was raised clear of the water, were taken off by a Standard Oil Company's tanker and landed safely in New York. The rescued men, many of whom are from Bridgeport, arrived home today.

According to information secured this morning, the S-48 was headed towards Bridgeport at four o'clock yesterday afternoon, and trouble developed in the boat's stern compartments while off Penfield reef. Water could not be forced out of the air chambers, and the ship went down in 70 feet of water.

Members of the submarine's crew worked frantically to raise the craft, and at 10 o'clock last night the ship's bow was lifted above the surface. Forty men who were imprisoned in the undersized craft crawled through the torpedo tube, and at 10:40 o'clock were picked up by a tanker which was proceeding westward. The crew was taken to New York and landed safely at the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

Early this morning, the tug "Robert McAllister" and "John Glenn," of the Bridgeport Towing Line company, cleared for the scene of the sinking, carrying wrecking equipment and a number of divers. The submarine S-48, of a different class from the S-45, also started for Penfield reef, and the three boats are now standing by the disabled craft.

At noon today, the S-48 was resting with her stern on the bottom, and 20 feet of her bows showing above water. Divers started work on the ship, and reported that there was great danger because of the presence of chlorine gas which had been generated by the ruined batteries. It has been impossible as yet to eject the water from the faulty stern compartments, but an attempt was made to blow the air chambers clear this afternoon.

The S-48 was launched in February, and was due to be turned over to the government early in 1922. The boat was 240 feet over all, and was designed to carry about 40 men. It was estimated that damage will amount to more than \$200,000 or over 40 per cent.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The submarine S-48 was sunk off Bridgeport, Conn., after being rammed by a tug early today, according to reports received by the Navy Department.

All members of the crew were saved, being picked up by the Standard Oil tug No. 28.

The submarine had not yet been turned over to the Navy Department by the building contractor and while there was some navy personnel on board, the majority of the crew were civilians.

New London, Conn., Dec. 7.—News received by the submarine base here of the sinking of the S-48 stated that she went down about two miles off Bridgeport, lying in 70 feet of water with the bow protruding. All members of the crew were rescued.

The S-48 has been sent to report to navy any assistance possible.

New York, Dec. 8.—The crew of the submarine that sank off Bridgeport was brought to the hospital of the Brooklyn Navy Yard today. It was reported the submarine filled with chlorine gas, was abandoned by the crew and sank. The crew was picked up by a tug.

New York, Dec. 8.—Forty-five men including two officers and three men of the U. S. Navy, were rescued from the submarine S-48 after it had nosedived, leaving only its stern and one torpedo tube protruding above the water, a few miles off Bridgeport early today. The men were brought to the Brooklyn Navy Yard by the Standard Oil tanker "Socoma 28."

The submarine, built by the Lake Torpedo Boat company of Bridgeport, was undergoing a test prior to its acceptance by the United States Navy. The chief naval officer aboard was Lieut. Commander Stanley Haas, who returned to Bridgeport today, leaving only three United States naval men at the Brooklyn Navy Yard hospital to be treated for poisoning from chlorine fumes. The rest of the crew went back to Bridgeport.

"If the water had been deeper, it was only 60 feet where we went down—we certainly would have been lucky to escape," said one of the rescued men. "We were taken off the submarine shortly before midnight by the tanker, which answered our flashlight signals. We previously had burned mattresses to attract attention. One ship answered our S. O. S. but did not come to rescue us."

Although Fairfield authorities are still convinced that the death of Dr. Elizabeth Ransom, of 654 Bostwick avenue was not one of suicide, four days of investigation have not brought forth a single clue which points towards foul play. The mystery surrounding the woman's whereabouts the night before her death has proved the stumbling block in the entire affair, and is still baffling the police.

When questioned about the matter this morning, Prosecutor Bacon Wakeman, of Fairfield, stated that no new clues have been discovered.

The story of Charles Johnson, a Fairfield farmer who claims to have heard members of an automobile party talking outside his house Friday night, is being investigated, but no connection has been formed as yet between this incident and the strange death.

### Bernas Shot Last Night

Police Hold Man For Attempted Stratford Burglary—Bullet Lodged In Left Arm.

Peter A. Bernas, 39, of 576 Broad street, is in the Bridgeport hospital today, suffering from a bullet wound in the left arm, the injury having been inflicted early this morning by Sergeant Ben Smith, of the Stratford police, while chasing the man through Stratford avenue. Bernas is under arrest, and will be held under \$500 bonds on charges of attempted burglary.

At one o'clock this morning, the Stratford police received a telephone call from a Floral park resident who said that a burglar was attempting to break into his house. Sergeant Smith and Patrolman Marcus and Binan investigated, but could find no trace of the intruder.

The policemen went back to their posts, and about an hour later, Sergeant Smith caught sight of a man who later proved to be Bernas, in Stratford avenue. The officer commanded the man to halt, but Bernas started to run. Sergeant Smith fired two shots in the air, but these failed to stop the fugitive. The policemen fired and the bullet lodged in Bernas' left arm.

When searched at police headquarters, a pocket flashlight and many keys of all makes and sizes were found in Bernas' possession. Other keys were found near the scene of the shooting this morning, these having been dropped by the man during his flight.

Bridgeport police were notified of the affair, and local detectives searched Bernas' room for further evidence. They found a number of notebooks and letters.

Bernas recently completed a 10 months' jail sentence which he received for robbing Eckart's saloon in North avenue over a year ago.

### Peter Dunne First Man Out Of Sub

New York, Dec. 8.—The three men held at the hospital for observation and treatment "for acute gas poisoning" after the sinking of the submarine S-48, were released today. Chief Electrician Michael Augustus Fritz of New Jersey and Peter Frank Dunne, Bridgeport, civilian employee of the builders, all of them were able to sit up, eat and talk.

The remaining 48 departed by train for Bridgeport before noon.

The three men in the hospital said the S-48 went down about five miles off shore. For about 10 hours everyone remained inside the submarine. Fearing the bow would settle, leaving the craft flat on the bottom, they shifted everything movable from the forward end to the stern. The water entered only the two aft compartments.

Dunne was the first to crawl out of the torpedo tube, which was four feet above water. From there he reached the deck, and climbed into the cold water and swam to the anchor chain. Grabbing that, he pulled himself to the deck, and dropped a line by which the others pulled themselves up. Dunne later went below to put on dry clothes. Exposure in the cold water increased his sufferings.

### Mike Kantor Fined \$600

Appearing in the City court today for the sixth time on charges of violating the liquor laws, Mike Kantor, alleged owner of a saloon at 205 Pembroke street, was fined a total of \$600 and sentenced to 60 days in jail on a charge of selling liquor.

The court ordered Kantor to pay a 15-day fine of \$75 and received a 15-day suspension on similar charges.

Kantor is said to be a former partner of John Fogaras, who is now serving a jail sentence for violation of the liquor laws, and his place was described by police witnesses today as "the worst place in the East Side."

Kantor told the court this morning that the saloon is owned by Mrs. Fogaras, and Markovitch, the bartender, claimed that he was paid by both parties.

Alex Krowlotz, proprietor of a saloon at 131 Willard street, was fined \$150 on two counts, and a jail sentence of 10 days was suspended for 10 days in order that the man may close up his place. The police seized a gallon of white liquor in the Willard street establishment yesterday afternoon.

### Claims He Saw Soldiers Hanged

Washington, Dec. 8.—The affidavit of a Philadelphia ex-serviceman who swore the saw 12 American privates hanged while he was a member of the military police at Is-Sur-Tille, France, in 1919, was submitted today by Senator Charles McNary, Democrat, to the Senate Committee investigating his charges that American soldiers were hanged and shot without trial overseas during the war.

The affidavit, sworn to by George H. Taylor, of 2737 South Buelah St., Philadelphia, was one of a large number of letters, telegrams, and other documents Watson presented in support of his charges.

### To Withdraw British Troops From Ireland

Political Prisoners. Granted Amnesty By King George Will Leave Jails To-night—Southern Irish Unionists Give Unanimous Approval.

### Irish Primate Thinks Terms Satisfactory

Belfast, Dec. 8.—(By The A. P.)—Cardinal Logue, primate of Ireland, told the correspondent today that he thought the Irish peace terms very satisfactory. He added: "I would like to see unity, and no division of the country, so that all could pull together for the good of Ireland. I would like to see the people of Ireland living in peace and charity with each other."

The cardinal expressed the fear that the expense of the northern government will weigh heavily on the people of six counties. Replying to a query as to whether he thought it wise for Ulster to retain her own parliament he said:

"I think it would be a blessing if we could all pull together and give up the old battle cries. It is satisfactory to me to see a parliament of our own, anyway, it prevents us from being fleeced by England and paying to her far beyond our taxable capacity."

"I think it a blessing and I think it will promote trade, if there is concord."

London, Dec. 8.—Ulster province will refuse to enter immediately into the Irish Free State, but the Unionist leaders are convinced of the advisability of joining the new state.

The message brought from Belfast to Premier Lloyd-George today by Geoffrey Shakespeare, the Premier's secretary, who acted as special courier in carrying the Irish peace agreement to the Ulster government.

The courier arrived from the Ulster capital early in the day and took breakfast with Premier Lloyd-George at 10 Downing street. During the course of the meal he gave a long report upon conditions and political views in the Unionist stronghold of North Ireland.

London, Dec. 8.—King George's grant of amnesty to all Sinn Fein prisoners, estimated at about 5,000 in number, was described today as "an unprecedented gesture of English friendship towards the Irish."

It is understood that the prisoners will be released at once. The Royal Amnesties Decree was approved and issued at the privy council at noon Wednesday but the formality of announcing it to the public was held up until the regular audience to the press representatives at the Premier's office late in the afternoon.

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The man killed last night was an unidentified negro who was seized by a crowd of men, thrown into Bully Creek, north of the yards, and pelted with stones until he sank. The body was recovered several hours later.

Immediate action was expected today on a petition for an injunction against pickets of Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America by 22 packers, who declare that intimidation of workers has been practiced by the union.

The larger packers say they are working about 80 per cent of normal while the smaller firms have given out statements that their output is curtailed to 60 per cent, of normal.

### Cornell Procees Bribery Evidence

Prosecutor Garlick Summoned Four Men To Examination Held To-day—Alderman Hartnett Believed To Be Man Approached By Republicans To Accept Bribe—Prosecution Comes Under Corrupt Practice Act In Superior Court—Penalty Is Imprisonment.

Evidence in support of his famous bribery charges was held before the Superior Court today. Prosecutor Garlick this morning by Democratic Town Chairman John A. Cornell, as a result of the disclosures, indications are that the prosecution will recommend the issuance of a bench warrant by State's Attorney Homer S. Cummings, and the arrest of the accused and criminal prosecution of the man, or men, involved in the attempted bribery.

Alderman Hartnett, of the Fourth district, who was also examined by Prosecutor Garlick this morning, is now believed to be the alderman who was offered the bribe. Attorney David W. Erics, Republican alderman and party leader, and another person, whose identity would not be disclosed at present time, have been summoned for examination this afternoon.

Cummings Enters Case. The investigation was started at the instigation of State's Attorney Cummings, who unexpectedly entered the case late yesterday afternoon, by naming Prosecutor Garlick a special assistant to the State's Attorney, instructing him to proceed immediately with a full investigation of the charges. Mr. Cummings stated this morning that he acted entirely upon his own initiative, and did not order the investigation as a result of request made to him by Hartnett, who had not been approached with any requests or demands for the investigation.

Mr. Garlick this morning summoned before him Chairman Cornell and Alderman Hartnett, and went into conference with them shortly before 9 o'clock. He was accompanied by two stenographers, they remained closed behind closed doors in Mr. Garlick's quarters in Police Headquarters, until 12 o'clock. The hearing was adjourned until 1:30 o'clock.

Alderman Price was summoned to the conference by Prosecutor Garlick over the telephone at 9 o'clock. Although he waited nearly an hour, he was not asked into the conference. He appeared in Mr. Garlick's office, after which he left the building. Mr. Garlick later admitted that he had instructed Alderman Price to appear before him this morning.

That another persons had been ordered to appear this afternoon, was also reported by Mr. Garlick. He refused to make known his identity.

Prosecutor Garlick stated that should the evidence produced by Mr. Cornell warranted the procedure, he would recommend to the Board of Aldermen that a bench warrant be immediately issued for the arrest of the man who offered the bribe. While he positively refused to comment on the nature of Mr. Cornell's testimony this morning of the testimony given by Alderman Price, it is reported on the most authentic authority that Mr. Cornell's evidence was of such a nature that it would request for the warrant to be made.

In the event the warrant is issued, the conference by Prosecutor Garlick undoubtedly will be made under the Corrupt Practices Act. Whether the investigation will reach anyone higher up than the man who offered the bribe, would not be commented upon by any of the parties concerned.

Alderman Price upon making his appearance in Mr. Garlick's office stated that he had been summoned over the telephone but was at a loss to know the man who offered the bribe. Mr. Price said he had been elected for his position on the board.

The connection of Alderman Hartnett with the attempted bribe, insofar as being the person approached, was made known in Tuesday's edition of the Times.

Authentic information bears out the Times story that the Democratic alderman was approached Monday morning with an offer of \$300 if he would vote for the Republican nominee for president. It is believed he caused a delay, arranged for a later hearing and in the interim laid the case before the board.

When the second meeting between the two was held, a third person was secretly present, who overheard the entire transaction, and witnessed the passage of the initial payment of \$50 to the Democrat. As soon as the money was received, the Republican was confronted with the damaging evidence and admitted his guilt.

Prosecutor Garlick's investigation will be resumed at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon.

### IRISH MERCHANTS MUCH ELATED

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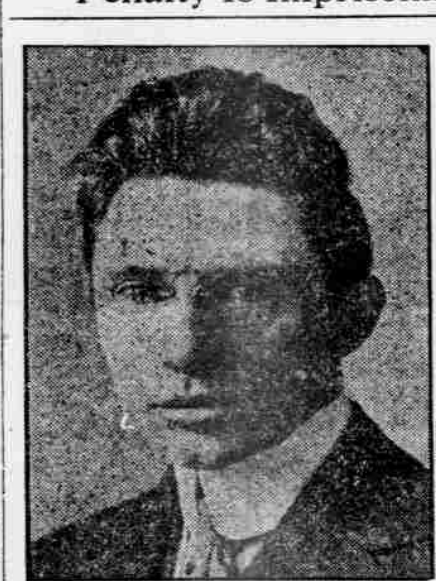
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TOWN CHAIRMAN CORNELL

### No Word From Messenger To Lighthouse

Missing since Tuesday, when he made a trip to Middleground lighthouse, to take messages and supplies to the men on duty, great fears are expressed for the safety of Thomas Haines, 221 North Main street, who was expected to return to his boarding place Tuesday night.

It was shortly before noon Tuesday that Haines, with a motorboat that he owns, made the start, expecting to return in the evening. No word has been received, and his friends are so fearful for his safety that they can only decide the matter by the most difficult.

Unless he has changed his plans, he is visiting with the men at the light, it would seem that he became lost in the Sound, due to engine trouble, and may yet be drifting.

It is not believed that searching parties have as yet been organized.

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### REP. FLOOD DIES

Washington, Dec. 8.—Representative Henry D. Flood, Democrat of the Virginia district, died at his home here today of heart trouble. He had been ill several weeks.

### GREEK REVOLUTION

Washington, Dec. 8.—Reports of a minor revolution in Greece were received here today. The insurrection took place in Crete, according to reports, and was backed by "military" elements. No details of the revolt were received.